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*"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 105:1-4	Psalm 100:1-5
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 18 – <i>"Come, Thou Almighty King"</i>	RHC 20 – <i>"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	Keene Chen
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 25	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 25 verses 1-5, 8-10</i> (to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 194)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	Keene Chen
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 74 – <i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Psalm 133:1-3	John 8:28-36
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Dwelling Together in Unity</i>	<i>Living in the Truth</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 261 – <i>"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</i>	RHC 252 – <i>"The Old Book and the Old Faith"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	
* Congregation Stands		

### THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.

### THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

***"Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - 2 Peter 3:18***

# A CONSECRATED LIFE OF FERVENT AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO GOD

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 14th September 2014

## Introduction

Those of us who are chosen and redeemed by the blood of Christ through faith are regenerate, justified and sanctified for one purpose; to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. That includes sacred worship and faithful stewardship in the Lord till he comes.

One of the ways to **serve and worship Him is, with our hearts, our gifts, talents and substance**. The Old Testament had a good example of a group of believers involved in the building of the tabernacle (Exodus 35 and 36). Everyone has a part to play in the work; starting from Moses to the average Hebrew including men and women. We are told that everyone, whose heart was stirred, served the Lord willingly (Exodus 35:21). It was **divine motivation that moved their hearts to loving and ardent service**. Even the women came; bringing along their personal belongings like bracelets, earrings and rings, giving to the Lord willingly for the use of the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:22). What a wonderful testimony.

It was like a **total mobilisation for every one in the military** as all Hebrews were involved, even with the rulers setting good examples (Exodus 35:21); bringing their tangible assets and offerings to the Lord. It is important that believers surrender themselves to Christ first; in discipleship, be prepared to sacrifice and deny themselves. Our Lord in Luke 9:23 says, *"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."* We need to have strong spiritual zeal for the Lord in His work and His Word.

We noted that **everyone served according to his or her ability** (Exodus 35:35). Some are masons or woodwork experts, others deal with silver and gold while others work with their hands in various skilful jobs. The ladies too had a part and they did the curtains with their weaving and embroidery skills. Two superiors; Aholiab and Bezaleel were responsible for overseeing the work and reporting to Moses. Together they work well, leading in the proper and successful construction of the mobile worship place, called the Tabernacle. It is like building the church together physically and spiritually, as it is done in some countries like the US. It is heartening to see many of us in Church serving in the service and in missions and evangelism, all exercising their spiritual gifts. It is encouraging to see others involved in the fellowships, Bible Studies, Sunday School, outreaches and missions. This augurs well for the future ministry of a Church's ministry and missions.

**The building of the tabernacle is like a picture of the Church with its members co-labouring as the body of Christ**. Everyone is gifted with a spiritual talent, serving the Lord faithfully, so Paul in Ephesians 4:11, 12 say, *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers*. What is your gift today and how have you employed it for the Lord and the building up of the saints? Are you actively serving or indifferently idling in the work of the Lord?

Imagine if everyone in the Church **discovers, develops, demonstrates and deploys their gifts and talents for the Church, that can be a great blessing to many.** Many will be encouraged and the Lord's work will be strengthened and enlarged. The work of the gospel requires every member involved in praying, witnessing, discipleship, teaching, preaching and administrative capabilities to advance God's kingdom by sharing the gospel till He comes. If every man is conscientious to pray and committed to serve, worship and give sacrificially and joyfully, that the Church can be a more effective witness for Christ. Romans 12:11, 12 says, "*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.*"

Every second Sunday of the month, the redeemed of the Lord will partake the holy communion to remember the death of Christ in a meaningful and sober way. It is important that we understand the meaning of this sacrament or means of grace. It is a **commemoration, a communion and a consecration.** It is a sobering fact to reflect upon the supreme vicarious atonement of Christ at Calvary once and for all, who redeemed us from our sins. It is a time to examine ourselves and to reconsecrate our lives to Christ repenting of our sins to commune with God as members of the body of Christ, and to take up the Cross and follow and serve Him in an edifying manner. Do not miss the privilege and joy of serving the Lord.

**Are you labouring or serving Christ in any way in your Church or in missions?** How can you contribute to the **saving of souls and to health, growth and vitality of the local Church where you belong?** Are you doing something for Jesus in this Church to the edifying of the saints today? Do not be a pew warmer but an active and effective steward of the Lord. Let us know how you can be involved. 1 Peter 4:10,11 says, "*As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*"

## **Conclusion**

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, "*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*" Are we truly born again and have you repent the sins before the Lord? **Are we concerned and fervent for the temporal things of self and the world or for souls and the eternal things of God and his kingdom?** Are we involved in helping to build up the ministry of Church today to the glory of God and the edifying of the saints and the saving of lost souls? There is much to be done in the building of God's kingdom in both local and foreign missions in these last days; in preaching the gospel and teaching the word, giving, mutual encouragement; teaching in the Sunday school, fellowships, praying, visitation, printing of gospel tracts and publications and comforting ministry to the saints. Let us pray and labour together fruitfully, faithfully and fervently and sow the gospel seed of Christ till our Lord returns

- Pastor Jack Sin

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK	WELCOME
Weds 17th Aug    7pm <b>Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study</b>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Sat 20th Aug    4pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	<b>TODAY: 14/08/2016</b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John / Keene <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Joel <b>Ushers:</b> Joel / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / <b>Lunch:</b> Hannah / Keene <span style="padding-left: 20px;">Carry-In</span> <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott
<b>Message</b>	The Wall of Jerusalem is Broken Down	There is a Season for Everything	
<b>Text</b>	Nehemiah 1:1-11	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There will be no Pre-lunch Bible Study today.</b></li> <li>• <b>Basic Bible Knowledge Class, 2.30pm:</b> Dr Martin will continue the series of studies aimed at those wishing to become church members.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he seeks guidance for his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Registry of Members &amp; Gift Aid Forms:</b> Please can all members of the congregation complete and return the forms to John <b><u>as soon as possible</u></b>.</li> <li>• <b>Postponement of Annual Congregational Meeting till Sunday 28th August 2016:</b> One item of discussion will be the appointment of Daniel Poh as a Trustee of the Church as he steps down from the Task Force.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £1565.48  <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 68 (A) 24 (C), Evening: 27 (A) 4 (C)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK: 21/08/2016</b>   <b>Chairman:</b>        Jonathan / Joel  <b>Organist:</b>        Anthony  <b>Pianist:</b>            Keene  <b>Ushers:</b>            Tom / Yetta  <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael /  <span style="padding-left: 20px;">Hannah / Keene</span>  <b>Lunch:</b>             Nina  <b>Washing Up:</b>    Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b>            Scott</p>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 27

**Q: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?**

*A: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miserics of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the CROSS; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.*

Comments:

Humiliation means coming down from a high rank to a low. Christ did so for us. He descended from his throne in heaven, and became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. In this answer we are told the various particulars in which his humiliation consisted. It consisted: 1. In being born; 2. In being born poor; 3. In being subject to the law; 4. In suffering the sorrows of life; 5. In suffering the hiding of God's countenance; 6. In being crucified; 7. In being buried; 8. In remaining in the grave for three days. All these things were borne by Christ, and on our behalf.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 2:7, Matthew 27:46, Philippians 2:6-8, Matthew 12:40

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."</i> <b>Psalm 24:1</b></p>	<p><i>"Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."</i> <b>Psalm 25:4-5</b></p>	<p><i>"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."</i> <b>Galatians 2:20</b></p>